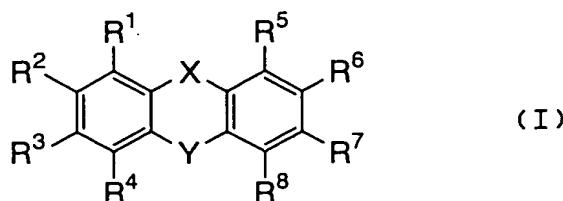


**Abstract**

There are disclosed a non-aqueous electrolyte which comprises  
a non-aqueous organic solvent and a lithium salt, and further  
5 contains a compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein X represents -O-, -S-, -CO- or -SO<sub>2</sub>, Y represents a single bond, -CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH=CH- or -CO- and R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>8</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a  
10 phenyl group, or a halogen group, provided that X and Y do not represent -CO- at the same time..